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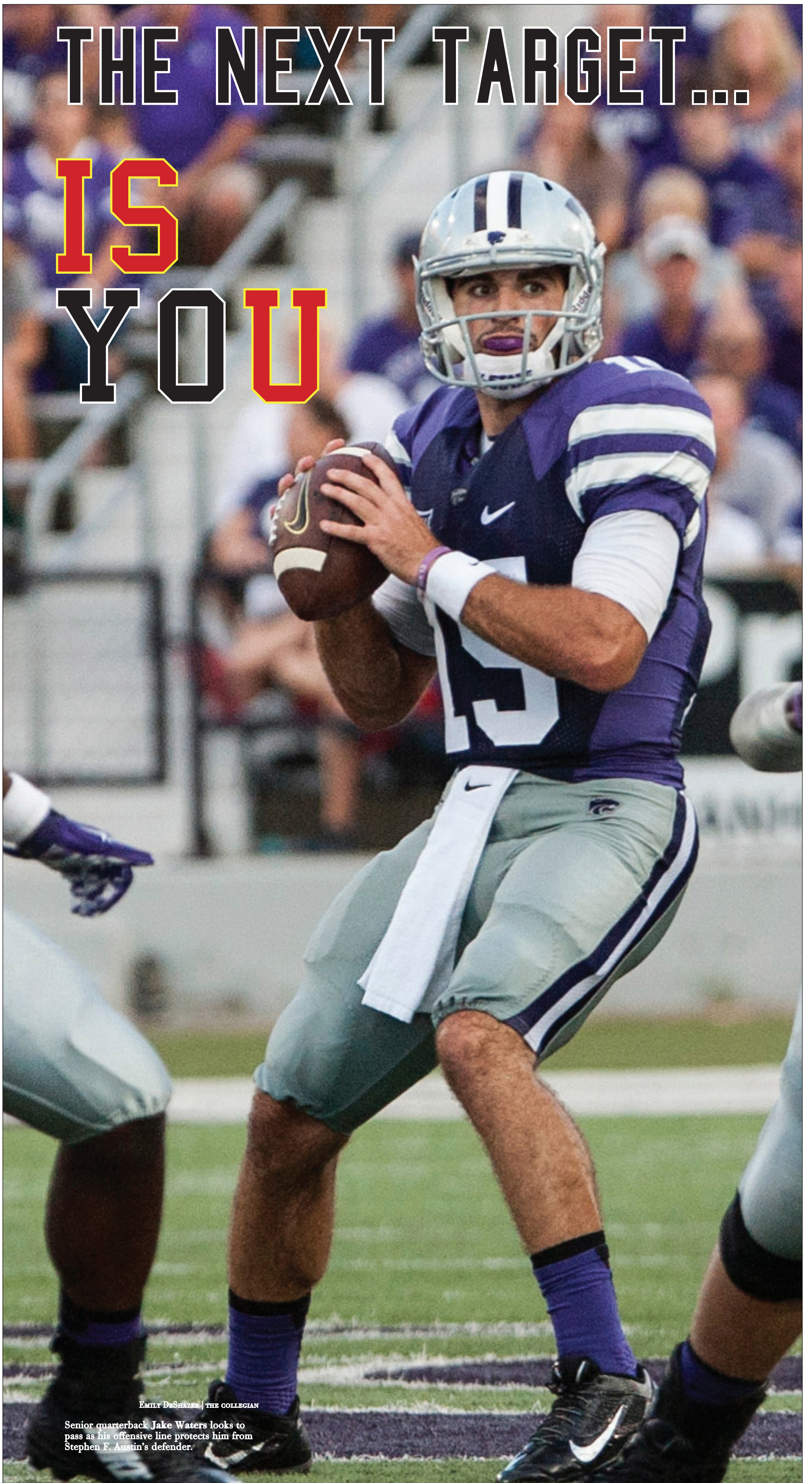
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Senior quarterback Jake Waters looks to pass as his offensive line protects him from Stephen F. Austin's defender.

Defense prepares to correct season opening mistakes



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Senior linebacker **Jonathan Truman** trips up Stephen F. Austin's sophomore wide receiver **Justice Liggins** last Saturday at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

By TATE STEINLAGE
THE COLLEGIAN

Bill Snyder said he was not pleased with how his team defended the quarterback scramble after their 55-16 victory over Stephen F. Austin Saturday.

Even three days later at his weekly Tuesday press conference, the 74-year-old was as blunt as can be.

"It was as bad as I thought," Snyder said.

Stephen F. Austin sophomore quarterback Zach Conque busted open the No. 20 K-State defense for a 32-yard run in the second quarter. Junior quarterback Joe Minden followed with a score from

18 yards out on a broken play.

It was not just the quarterback scramble that hurt K-State. Senior running back Gus Johnson bolted for a 30-yard touchdown late in the third quarter. Junior wide receiver Aaron Thomas and sophomore wide receiver Robert Sylvester both hauled in catches of 30-plus yards a piece.

See the trend?

While the K-State defense held Stephen F. Austin to just 16 points and under 300 yards of total offense, the big play was an early achilles heel that the Wildcats will have to address prior to facing Iowa State Saturday in Ames, and Auburn at home on Sept. 18.

"As a defense, as a whole, I think we played well early on," junior cornerback Morgan Burns said. "We had a few issues with the

quarterback scramble and they had a few big plays. Me, personally, I had a deep ball thrown on me and missed a few tackles. Part of it was just first game jitters and working them out. I have a lot to improve on and I always want to get better."

Snyder was not completely displeased with his defense Saturday, but he did note that consistency will be a key moving forward.

"Well, overall it was a passing grade," Snyder said. "There are still, which is true on both sides of the ball, an awful lot of mistakes to get corrected. There are a lot of things that you have concerns about. I thought we played well, and maybe the best way to put it is perhaps not quite as consistent as you would like to be."

Burns said that the defensive adjustments are not challenging,

adding that the defense is already anxious to show improvement from week one.

"A lot of it is just being disciplined, staying in our lanes and containing the quarterback," Burns said. "We will be preparing for that this week because the quarterback for Iowa State can run."

Senior linebacker Jonathan Truman also pointed out redshirt junior quarterback Sam Richardson as a potential threat, but was quick to praise the entire Cyclones offense.

"They are talented at about every position," Truman said. "They have a lot of returning guys on the offensive line who are tough-minded, hard-nosed guys who love to compete. They have two good running backs that change it up. Their quarterback

can throw it up in the air and he is also shown that he bring it down and run. They have a bunch of wide receivers they can throw in there and keep them fresh. Their offense is very talented and we can see a lot from them."

With the early Big 12 schedule and mid-week battle against Auburn, the defense has been forced to improve at an accelerated pace. If the big-play is to be addressed, it will need to show Saturday.

"I think it has caused us to improve really quick," Burns said. A lot of people say from the first to the second week is the biggest jump for most college football teams. I think for a lot of the young guys including myself, since I'm young on the field, we have to grow up quick, learn from our mistakes, and mature quickly."

Rhoads, Cyclones embrace challenges of upcoming schedule

By ADAM SUDERMAN
THE COLLEGIAN

It has been 12 years since Iowa State has won its Big 12 opener, so the thought of escaping that reality runs through the mind of head coach Paul Rhoads.

However, the schedule setup isn't doing the Cyclones any favors.

Rhoads has never beaten No. 20 K-State, while in Ames (0-5 in five career games) and said he understands the challenge of the matchup.

"Having what's always a well-coached Kansas State team that early in the run will leave us with our hands full," Rhoads said. "It certainly helps your focus with your preparation and with your players and I'm glad it's at home."

After enduring a 34-14 season-opening loss to North Dakota State, it doesn't get any easier for Iowa State in weeks three through five.

"We've got Iowa (in week three), who some people might start 10-0," Rhoads said. "Then we've got the last three Big 12 champions as our first three Big 12 opponents, so I don't think there's anything ideal about that (setup)."

Iowa State came out with a roar in its season-opener,

scoring 14 points with a relative ease against the Bison on the last Saturday. Once senior center Tom Farniok and junior wide receiver Quenton Bundrage went down with first-half injuries, the Cyclones' offensive pace changed dramatically.

Farniok will return for Saturday's game against the Wildcats, but Bundrage (who was Iowa State's best returning wide receiver) will miss the remainder of the season with a torn ACL.

"Tom is as tough as they come," Rhoads said at his weekly press conference last Monday. "He'll go out there and play through it. Unless he would be hit in just the right fashion, he'll progress through it in rehab and be back to normal."

While Bundrage's departure is significant, junior quarterback Sam Richardson said its a position that can handle a sudden loss.

"It's a position that we have a lot of depth in," Richardson said. "That's a positive about it, but obviously there is nothing good about having Quentin going down. It's somewhere where guys are going to have to step up and maybe guys who didn't last year and haven't been on the team long."

Candidates for greater playing time include 6-foot-

5-inch sophomore D'Vario Montgomery and junior Tad Ebby, both of whom are returning after week one absences.

Freshman 6-foot-5-inch receiver Allen Lazard, who was rated as one of the top wide receivers in the country, will likely see one of the biggest roles in the entire offense due to Bundrage's departure.

"They'll have a very fine group of receivers on the field," K-State head coach Bill Snyder said. "(Lazard) is not one to be taken lightly by any stretch of the imagination. Being 6-foot-5 and as athletic as he is, that creates some problems in its own right."

Of greater concern for the Cyclones is a defensive unit that surrendered 302 rushing yards to the three-time Division I-AA national champions, North Dakota State.

Where the onus lies is yet to be determined, but starting six first-career starters in a season opener doesn't paint a pretty picture for what's ahead.

Farniok said he has belief in senior defensive end Cory Morrissey to instruct the unit.

"He's going to give 100 percent every single play," Farniok said. "In a league full of incredibly talented defensive linemen, he makes up with what might be a lack of talent in effort. It's kind of cli-



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Redshirt junior quarterback **Sam Richardson** rushes the ball during the game against North Dakota State last Saturday at Jack Trice Stadium. The Cyclones fell to the Bison 34-14. Richardson rushed for a total of 58 yards and had a total of 151 passing yards.

che, but he truly gives everything he has."

Morrissey said the Cyclones are prepared to change the course against the No. 20 Wildcats (1-0).

"We've got to be ready," Morrissey said. "We've got to start fast and faster than we have before."

Regardless, Richardson said its too far early to give up hope on a 12-game season.

"Half the teams in college football are 0-1, so obviously you can't think everything is going to hell right now," Richardson said. "I want to say that's the way we looked at it

last year, but obviously we're going to rebound a lot quicker this year. That's something that us as leaders, guys up top that are seniors have to take control of."

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Senior quarterback **Jake Waters** looks for open receivers down field as senior center **B.J. Finney** blocks Stephen F. Austin's senior linebacker **Collin Garrett** last Saturday at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

By AUSTIN EARL
THE COLLEGIAN

On Nov. 21, 2009 in Cedar Falls, Iowa, a quarterback led his high school team to

a 35-0 victory in his senior state championship game. This player only threw for 96 yards, but ran for 63 yards with three touchdowns. He had no big time college football scholarship offers on the table.

Three years later, that quarterback — Jake Waters — has found success at K-State that some thought was impossible.

After the three-sport star Waters was not recruited out of high school, he chose to

stay in his hometown of Council Bluffs, Iowa and play quarterback at Iowa Western Community College.

"He's such a competitor, and whatever sport he's in, that's his main concern," said Iowa Western CC head coach Scott Strohmeier. "He never really got to go to any camps, so people kind of (thought), 'Is football really the most important thing to him?' or whatever. I don't know what they were thinking, but the kid can play."

His Reivers playing career didn't get off to a flying

a 21-2 record in his two seasons at quarterback. He was also named the NJCAA Offensive Player of the Year in 2012.

At the conclusion of his time in Council Bluffs, recruiting picked up and it was a heated battle that came down to Penn State and K-State.

On Dec. 13, 2012, Waters announced his commitment to K-State.

Before Waters made his decision, K-State fans had already assumed former K-State quarterback Daniel Sams would be the next start-

"He was kind of clunky the first year, but he won the job," Dennis Dodd, CBSSports.com senior college football writer, said. "I think he's smart, he's fast, he's accurate, he has that 'it' factor. I think when you study under Bill Snyder and you show the dedication he has, the sky's the limit."

Expectations are through the roof for the Wildcats and Waters as the 2014-15 season continues to unfold. If history repeats itself, it will be a special season for K-State. The last four quarterbacks that returned for a second season under Snyder—Michael Bishop, Jonathan Beasley, Ell Roberson and Collin Klein—each won 11 games.

"What's not to like?" Iowa State coach Paul Rhodes said. "It's obvious (Waters is) a great leader. He has the ability to run the football. He's tough. He throws it accurate, and can beat you with his arm in the passing game."

Waters fell victim to a tipped-pass interception in his senior season debut last Saturday, but was efficient for the night, completing 19 of 28 passes for 223 yards and a touchdown.

His crown jewel of the night was a touchdown pass to All-American wide receiver Tyler Lockett.

"I told Jake after the game we had your receiver, Lockett, locked down on that touchdown pass," Lumberjack coach Clint Conque said. "It was either put it right there, or it was pass interference. It was just a great throw. You could tell they have spent a lot of time together over the summer and the last couple years. They have a chance to be very dynamic."

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PAUL RHODES
HEAD COACH, IOWA STATE

start, however. He was red-shirted because of a knee injury in his first year.

In his second season, he was thrown into the fire as the Reivers' starting quarterback.

"It took him a little time because he's never not been successful," Strohmeier said. "I mean, if you look at his high school career, you look at all the sports that he's played, he's always won. So, he had to learn early on how to handle some bad things. Not that he would get flustered, but he was not used to not having success."

Once settled, Waters experienced great success while playing for the Reivers. His team won the national championship during his sophomore season and also tallied

er.

The tides changed, however. Prior to last season's opening game against North Dakota State, Waters was named the starter by head coach Bill Snyder.

Despite being given the starting title, it was a constant battle as both quarterbacks split duty until later in the season.

"Last year, every game, every practice was a brand new thing," Waters said. "I didn't know what to expect or what game day was like. I didn't know anything about it."

After six games of quarterback competition, the Wildcats gave Waters a better grip of the offense and the decision paid off with an 6-1 finish.

Undersized, overlooked: Ryan Mueller embodies K-State path to success

By TATE STEINLAGE
THE COLLEGIAN

Twenty or so reporters surround Baylor head coach Art Briles at Big 12 Media Days. Briles is expected to answer questions for three hours, but he doesn't seem phased. His demeanor is calm, cool and collected.

Then, he is asked about Ryan Mueller.

"Number 44? Oh my."

It's obvious Briles has not forgotten about their encounter nine months earlier.

"What I saw was him doing everything godly possible to beat our butt, making phenomenal plays with phenomenal effort," Briles said. "You can say a try-hard guy, but he's a try-hard guy with great talent. To me, that's how you become great. Our staff, we have a lot of respect for that kid."

Texas Tech head coach Kliff Kingsbury was asked the same question as Briles and the response was no different. Mueller had tallied 12 tackles, five sacks and forced two fumbles against their respected teams in 2013.

"I just think (that with a

guy like that, you can tell he's earned everything he's gotten," Kingsbury said. "He's worked from the bottom and gone on to have a tremendous career. I'm sure he'll finish it off the right way, and it's a credit to him as a player — his work ethic — and their coaches believing in him and giving him a chance."

A chance it was. Mueller stumbled upon K-State in 2010 at a camp outside his house in Leawood, Kansas. He walked into it thinking it was a youth camp that he would help coach. Little did he know it would lead to an opportunity to walk on at the school he grew up cheering against.

"I was totally unfamiliar with Kansas State and what was going on there, but I knew Kansas State played in the Big 12 Conference," Mueller said. "I wanted to play football at the highest level possible."

Mueller joined the program as a 205-pound nose tackle. The players he would go up against would often have upwards of 100 pounds on him, but it did not matter. Mueller didn't quit trying.

"There were times when you win battles and times



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Senior defensive end **Ryan Mueller** waits for the snap last Saturday at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

when you would lose battles," Mueller said. "There were times when I ended up at the bottom of the pile as the runt of the defensive line. I've been slammed on the ground and had a few words exchanged. It's all good. I just would dust myself off and move on to the next play."

Though Mueller has put on an extra 40 pounds since

joining the program in 2010, he remains smaller than the typical defensive end. That has not stopped him from being elite, though. Mueller had a breakout year in 2013, amassing 62 tackles and 11.5 sacks.

He quickly became a team leader and the answer for the loss of Meshak Williams, the 2012 Big 12 defen-

sive lineman of the year.

"We had Meshak here, a phenomenal defensive end and the defensive lineman of the year," Mueller said. "That was an award that I wanted to keep in the family. As soon as I won that award, I gave Meshak a call and said, 'Hey man, I kept it in the family. I'm going to do everything it takes to keep it here in Manhattan, Kansas.' I hope we started a trend so when after I leave, that added pressure can be on someone else in the room of trying to flourish in the program."

Mueller said he only wants to get better in 2014. He was picked to four preseason watch lists and was named preseason All-Big 12, so he won't be sneaking up on anyone. But for a former walk-on who received no offers out of high school, the success is a testament to the program that continually turns no-names into high-level talent in just a few short years.

"I don't want to boast about me personally, but Kansas State, no doubt, has given

me an opportunity to excel that not a lot of other programs would do for another player," Mueller said. "They have given me a fair opportunity to come out and show what I'm capable of. I've taken full advantage of it and that opportunity is available to any kid that wants to come to Kansas State and put in the time and make the sacrifice. Come to Kansas State; it's an open door, and we'll see what you're made of."

Back in Dallas, Briles' rant continued. His animated gestures conveyed what everyone already knows: 44 is a number to be reckon with.

Though Baylor doesn't play K-State until Dec. 6, Briles said he has already formulated a plan to try and keep Mueller from replicating last year's performance.

"If he's on the left, tell him just to relax a little bit because we're going to run to the right," Briles said with a grin on his face. "That's just the way it's going to be, Ryan, so just calm down and don't be hollering at me."

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National games to watch: week 2

By Austin Earl
The Collegian

No. 7 Michigan State vs. No. 3 Oregon (Line: Oregon -12) Saturday 5:30 p.m., FOX

The first Top 10 contest of the young season will give viewers an extreme clash of styles.

Michigan State's style worked for them last year as they won the Big 10 championship game and the Rose Bowl. Their offense is serviceable, but does not make their team elite. The defense, however, is smothering. They allowed just 13.2 points per game, third best in the nation.

Oregon is the polar opposite of the Spartans. The high-flying Ducks averaged 45.5 points per game last season, fourth best in the country. They have been effective playing this brand of football, winning at least 10 games in every season since 2007.

No. 14 USC vs. No. 13 Stanford (Line: Stanford -3) Saturday 2:30 p.m., ABC

The Cardinal will look to get revenge on the Trojans after the team's debacle last year in Los Angeles.

USC is led this season by new coach Steve Sarkisian. They have already had some off the field issues, but it seemingly was forgotten after their dominant 52-

13 victory over Fresno State. The Trojans are not favored to win this game, but it wouldn't really be an upset if they did.

Stanford is fresh off of a Pac-12 championship and a loss in the Rose Bowl. Their defense is what drives the team, allowing just 19 points per game in 2013. They beat UC Davis 45-0 to open the 2014-15 campaign.

Senior quarterback Kevin Hogan leads an offense that scored 32.3 points per game in 2013-14. Both teams have talented players on both sides of the ball, and should give fans another exciting game in this heated rivalry.

Michigan vs. No. 16 Notre Dame (Line: Notre Dame -4) Saturday 6:30 p.m., NBC

One of college football's most storied rivalries will write its final chapter on Saturday – for now. In 2012, Notre Dame opted out of the final three scheduled years of the teams' meetings. Even with the game's off the field significance aside, both teams have a lot to play for.

The Wolverines enter the game unranked, but have received votes in the AP poll. The team finished just 7-6 last season after starting 5-0. They beat Notre Dame 41-30 in 2013. They have started 2014 well, defeating Appalachian State, 52-14. Michigan is an underdog, but has the talent to pull the minor upset.

The last time senior quarter-

back Everett Golson played a full season for Notre Dame, his team found themselves in the national championship game. The Irish lost their quarterback for 2013 due to an academic mishap. With Golson back, the team has high expectations once again.

Virginia Tech vs. No. 8 Ohio State (Line: Ohio State -11) Saturday 7 p.m., ESPN

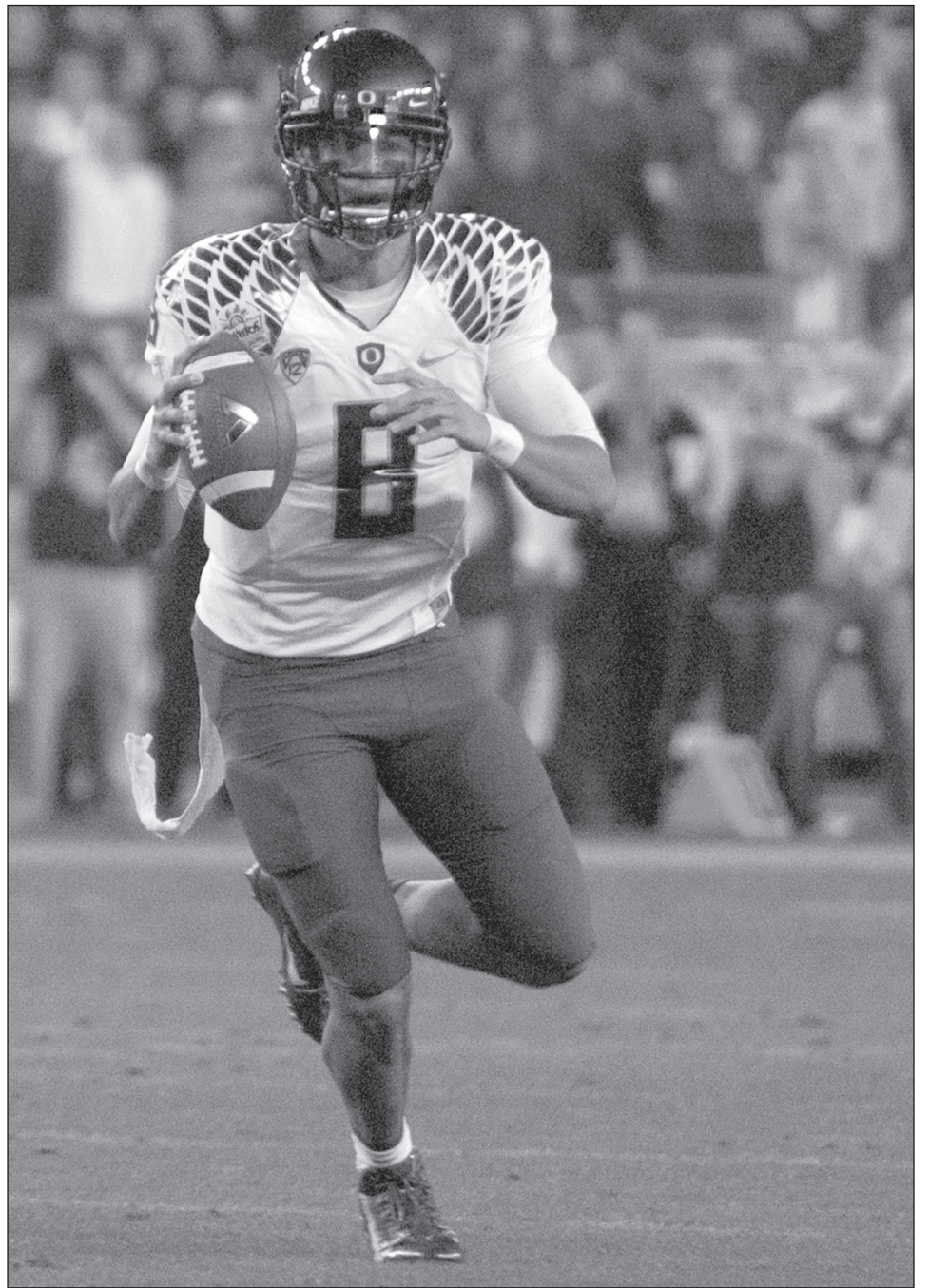
Ohio State will have their first test of the season, facing a Virginia Tech team that is coming off of an 8-5 record.

The Hokies have a new quarterback this season, transfer Michael Brewer. Brewer performed well in the team's opening game against William and Mary, throwing for 251 yards and two touchdowns. Frank Beamer's bunch had solid defense in 2013, allowing only 19.3 points per game. That sort of stingy defense could help them pull the upset this weekend.

The Buckeyes had a damper put on their season before it started, losing starting quarterback Braxton Miller to injury. Ohio State is still led by a coach that perennially has competitive teams in Urban Meyer. The squad started slow in their opening game, but rebounded to beat Navy 34-17. The Buckeyes are heavily favored to win this game, but no one knows how they fare against good competition without Miller at the helm.

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Oregon junior quarterback **Marcus Mariota** waits for an opportunity to throw during the Fiesta Bowl against K-State on at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona on Jan. 3, 2013.



K-State, Iowa State open up Big 12 slate; Texas seeks revenge against BYU

By Adam Suderman
The Collegian



Oklahoma vs. Tulsa (Line: Oklahoma -25) 11 a.m., ABC/ESPN2

All eyes were on the Sooners as they looked to prove their validity after last year's dominant Allstate Sugar Bowl win over Alabama. Oklahoma delivered in a big way that night, thanks to a new running game and an efficient performance from sophomore Trevor Knight.

The Sooner defense stood out after thwarting the Louisiana Tech rushing offense for 54 yards on 28 carries.

Following its 38-31 double-overtime win over Tulane, the Golden Hurricanes possess one of the nation's top ranked quarterback/wide receiver duos in Dane Evans and Keevan Lucas, who leads the nation in receiving with 233 yards and three touchdowns.

Evans threw for 438 yards with four touchdowns in his season debut.



Oklahoma State vs. Missouri State 2:30 p.m.

A loss has arguably never meant as much as it did for the Cowboys in their 37-31 finish to No. 1 Florida State last Saturday.

Although the competition is dropping off this week, Oklahoma State will need to ride the shoulders of its backfield trio of quarterback J.W. Walsh and running backs Tyreek Hill and Desmond Roland.

The Bears' carry a 50-50 offense that circles around the production of quarterback Kierri Harris, who completed 11 of 22 passes for 195 yards and three touchdowns.



Kansas vs. SE Missouri State 6 p.m., ESPN3



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Texas defensive tackle **Desmond Jackson** (99) celebrates with former Texas safety **Adrian Phillips** (17)

Can Kansas change its course for the 2014-15 season? While a win appears likely on Saturday against the Redhawks, it'll be at least another week before Kansas is put to a test when they travel to Duke.

Will Montel Cozart take greater ownership of the offense? Can Corey Avery offset the loss of experienced running backs Brandon Bourbon and Taylor Cox? Can Ben Heeney single-handedly lead a defensive unit? These are just three

of the long list of questions surrounding Kansas football.

The Redhawks are just 1-18 all-time against teams from Football Bowl Subdivision Ranks.



Texas vs. BYU (Line: Texas -4) 6:30 p.m., FOX Sports 1

With last year's 40-21 loss

firmly placed in their memories, the Longhorns will be more than ready to welcome BYU to Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium on Saturday night.

Charlie Strong's defense got off to a roaring start on Saturday night by holding North Texas to just 79 rushing yards on 40 carries as well as 15 passing yards for the entire game.

BYU, led by Heisman candidate Taysom Hill, rides the shoulders of its quarterback for all 60 minutes. Simply put, the

Cougars go where Hill takes them.

Will the Longhorns be able to stop this dynamic threat? It stands as one of the better questions of the weekend.



West Virginia vs. Towson 6:30 p.m.

West Virginia altered its

national persona with a stronger than expected performance against Alabama in Atlanta, Georgia. Mountaineer personnel wasn't much different than their 4-8 season last fall, but head coach Dana Holgorsen showed his team has a completely different mindset from a year ago.

Despite his struggle to stay healthy in 2013, Clint Trickett showed early that he was the most hopeful option at quarterback. After leading West Virginia past Oklahoma State last September, it became clear he was their best option. Trickett showed what he's capable of against a No. 1 defense this past Saturday, but can he stretch it into a week-by-week schedule?



Baylor vs. Northwestern State 6:30 p.m.

If any questions remained over Baylor's preparation for the 2014 season, Art Briles' bunch quickly squashed the doubt to the tune of -24 rushing yards. Despite the defensive dominance, questions surround Bears' quarterback Bryce Petty's health after fracturing two vertebrae in Sunday's 45-0 over SMU.

With Johnny Jefferson and Shock Linwood in the backfield and Levi Norwood, Antwan Goodley, KD Cannon and Davion Hall at wide receiver, the Bears' are set up for a sensational year.



Texas Tech vs. UTEP (Line: Texas Tech -21) 10 p.m., FOX Sports 1

After providing one of the biggest head scratchers on opening weekend with a close 42-35 win over Central Arkansas, Kliff Kingsbury and company are in need of a serious change. The Bears torched the Red Raider defense with 406 yards and gave sophomore quarterback Davis Webb plenty of headaches.

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Power Rankings: Petty tops offensive list for playing through the pain



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No. 1: Baylor QB Bryce Petty (Last week: 1)

Bryce Petty's performance in the Bears' season-opening win over SMU was worthy of praise. What made it a showcase for Baylor's quarterback wasn't necessarily the stats, even though 161 passing yards and two touchdowns isn't a poor performance in one half of play.

Petty's gutsy performance after fracturing two vertebrae during the Bears' first series shows Petty's ability to play through adversity. The play that most symbolized Petty's toughness was a 5-yard touchdown scramble, in which Petty took a pretty hard hit and kept him on the playing field for a few moments.

No. 2: K-State QB Jake Waters (Last week: 4)

In his first game alone at the helm of the Wildcats offense, quarterback Jake Waters showed glimpses of how well he could throw the ball. He managed to fit some throws in some very tight

places for completion.

Waters also managed to stave off any pressure. While keeping his mental clock on track in the face of limited pass rush, he cycled through all of his checks and found the open receivers throughout the game. To add to his opening performance, Waters also had two rushing touchdowns on 55 rushing yards.

No. 3: Oklahoma QB Trevor Knight (Last week: 5)

With the Sooners playing a more conservative game against an easily beatable opponent, quarterback Trevor Knight managed the game perfectly. He went 19 for 34 through the air, with 253 yards, one touchdown and interception apiece. Knight showed good confidence throughout the game.

As a sophomore, Knight showed the capability to move the chains for the Sooners. The team had 26 first downs including going four-for-four on fourth down attempts. While Knight still has a long road to become the best player in the Big 12, he had a solid start to his second season at the helm of the Sooners.

No. 4: K-State WR Tyler Lockett (Last week: 3)

In limited playing time, wide receiver Tyler Lockett caught one pass for the Wildcats. That one pass he managed to reel in was a 9-yard rocket in the end zone, which marked Lockett's 19th career touchdown.



Senior wide receiver **Tyler Lockett** (right) catches a touchdown pass from senior quarterback Jake Waters on Saturday Oct. 26 at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

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Lockett did manage to show a small glimpse of the talent he brings to the team, being one of the best options down the field K-State. Once he begins to play more significant time, his talent should shine.

No. 5: Baylor WR Antwan Goodley (Last week: 2)

Falling from the No. 2 player on the list, wide receiver Antwan Goodley was not a

factor in the Bears blowout over SMU as he did not record any catches while only playing in a handful of drives. He was eventually pulled from the game.

According to multiple reports, Goodley aggravated a

previous quadricap injury that limited his preparation in fall camp. He is definitely worthy of being in the top five on talent alone, but without knowing the severity of the injury, Goodley remains on the list.

Power Rankings: Mueller needs to step it up to remain on top defensively



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No. 1: K-State DE Ryan Mueller (Last week: 1)

It's hard to base too much off of one week of play, because K-State's Ryan Mueller did not have an overly exciting opening week. The defensive end only accumulated two tackles and one tackle for loss. That's not a bad game by any means, but just not one that the best defensive player in the Big 12 should consistently perform upon. If he has another week of play like this, it's feasible to drop Mueller in the power rankings.

No. 2: Oklahoma LB Eric Striker (Last week: 2)

Oklahoma's Eric Striker is similar to Mueller in the sense that week one was not his best game. The line backer only had one assisted tackle and a half of a sack. His team was up 31-3 at halftime, so it's hard to fault him for lack of production. The Sooners allowed 245 yards to Louisiana Tech, but only 54 yards on the ground. Oklaho-



Former quarterback **Daniel Sams** stiff arms West Virginia junior safety **Karl Joseph** on Saturday Oct. 26, 2013 at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

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ma's defensive effort keeps Striker in the second spot.

No. 3: West Virginia S Karl Joseph (Last week: Not Ranked)

Our first big mover in the power rankings had a monster game against the Alabama, racking up 18 total tackles. West Virginia safety Karl Joseph 18 tackles, tying for most in the country during the first week of play. He was a solid player for

West Virginia last year, earning All-Big 12 honors at defensive back. Joseph is not your typical safety that plays in coverage, he likes to attack the ball. While he's not a large man at 5 feet 10 inches and roughly 200 pounds, he gets the job done.

No. 4: Texas DE Cedric Reed (Last week: 3)

Though Texas defensive end Cedric Reed did not indi-

vidually dominate against North Texas, his defensive counterparts did. The Longhorns allowed their opponent to move the ball only 94 yards, including just 15 yards through the air. It's impossible to have that stifling of defense without all 11 players contributing.

No. 5: TCU S Sam Carter (Last week: 4)

TCU's defense overpower-

ered the Samford Bulldogs on Saturday. Safety Sam Carter had seven total tackles and his defense allowed only 56 passing yards. While they were playing an FCS team, it's still impressive to hold down an offense so well.

Notes

Five different Big 12 players had two sacks in Week 1 – Baylor's Shawn Oakman, K-State's Elijah Lee, Oklaho-

ma State's Emmanuel Ogbah, Texas' Hassan Ridgeway, and TCU's Mike Tuaua. They are all tied for fourth in the nation. Tuaua had 3.5 total tackles for loss, tying him for second in the country.

Two Big 12 players broke up three passes in their opening games – K-State's Morgan Burns and Texas Tech's Tevin Madison. They are tied for the top spot in the nation within that category.

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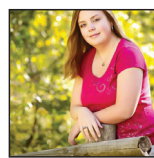
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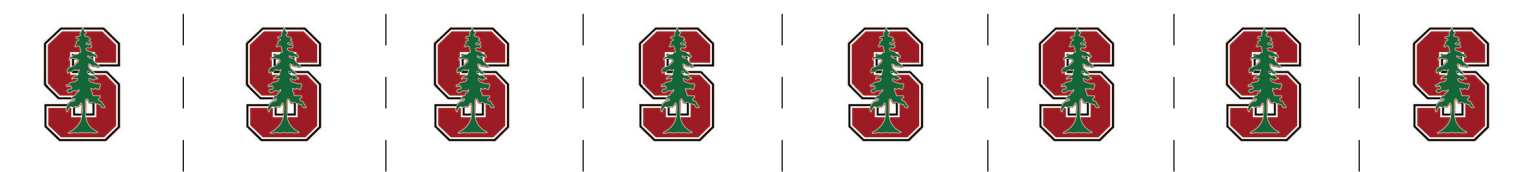
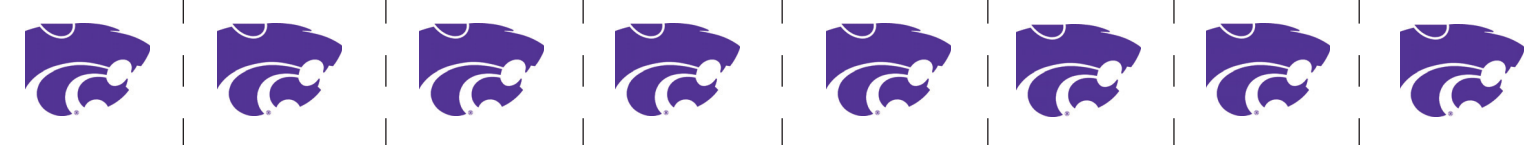
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The consecutive number of games K-State has scored in since the 1996-97 season

The 1996-97 season was the Big 12's start in conference play and the beginning to this impressive streak. Since then, the scoring stretch has stretched across 78 road games and 142 conference games.

37:45

Wildcats time of possession against Stephen F. Austin

Last season the Wildcats were the best team in conference in time of possession, averaging 31:43 per game. The Wildcats are known to use this style of play to beat opponents, keeping the ball in their possession, limiting opponents opportunities to score.

2

Number of FBS programs with a top-10 quarterback in passing efficiency and a top-10 wide receiver in total receiving yards in 2013

When Tyler Lockett and Jake Waters take the field together, the dynamic duo has proven its ability to perform at a high level. K-State and Baylor were the only two programs last season to achieve this stat, as Waters finished the season with passing efficiency at 156.8 and Lockett averaged 105.2 receiving yards each game.

36

Points allowed by Iowa State in 2013-14

This was the worst scoring defense in the Big 12, landing them in 10th place. The Cyclones were ninth in the league in offensive scoring last season, averaging only 24.8 points per game. This equaled a scoring deficit for the Cyclones last season, which led to a record of 3-9.

16

Number of wins the Wildcats have in Ames, Iowa

The Wildcats have struggled historically to win while traveling in this series, posting a 16-28-3 record. Things have turned around for the Wildcats in recent years, with head coach Bill Snyder tallying a 7-4 in games played at Jack Trice Stadium. K-State will also bring a six-game winning streak into the 2014 matchup. In 2009, the Wildcats only mustered a one-point victory over the Cyclones, 24-23. Last season, the Wildcats rolled over the Cyclones 41-7, their largest victory since the 45-0 trouncing in 2003.

84.5

K-State's winning percentage when scoring first in a game since 1990

The Wildcats, who are 147-27 overall during the stretch, are coming off a 7-0 record last season when scoring first. This also refers to five of the final seven games.

97

Straight years of the "Farmageddon" matchup

The matchup between the Cyclones and the Wildcats started on Nov. 10, 1917 and has ran every year since. This series is the second longest continuous series in K-State football, seconded to only Kansas, who have played the Wildcats every season since taking a break in 1910. Since Nebraska and Missouri left the Big 12, this series is now the longest remaining active series in Iowa State history.

8

Number of touchdowns Tyler Lockett needs to break his father's career touchdown receptions record

Altogether, the Tulsa, Oklahoma native needs 74 catches, 829 yards and the touchdown total to break the above mentioned record as well as career receptions and career receiving yards. There are at least two, if not three Lockett's in each of these categories.



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